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SUBJECT: VESICULAR DISEASE LABORATORY PROJECT

REF: STATE 149043

1. DURING A MEETING WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS ON JULY 13, DR. ABRAM BENESON, DIRECTOR OF THE GORGAS MEMORIAL LABORATORY (GML), STATED THAT GML HAD RECENTLY SIGNED A NEW LICENSE WITH THE CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT FOR CONTINUED USE OF BUILDING 265 IN THE CANAL ZONE. HE EXPRESSED SURPRISE WHEN INFORMED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING A REQUEST BY THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION (PAHO) TO ESTABLISH A VESICULAR DISEASE LABORATORY IN THE BUILDING TO BE OPERATED BY THE USDA UNDER PAHO AUSPICES. DR. DENENSON FELT THAT GML SHOULD OPERATE THE LABORATORY UNDER CONTRACT FROM PAHO IF IT IS TO BE LOCATED IN BUILDING 265.

2. EMBASSY WAS PREVIOUSLY UNAWARE THAT A NEW LICENSE HAD BEEN SIGNED WITH GML FOR USE OF THE ENTIRE BUILDING. THE CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT, IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY INQUIRY JULY 14, CONFIRMED DR. BENENSON'S REPORT. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE NECESSITY TO WORK OUT A NEW OPERATING
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ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN PAHO, USDA, AND GML MAY DELAY REALIZATION OF THE PROJECT. SUCH DELAY WOULD FURTHER ERODE THE CREDIBILITY OF USG COMMITMENT TO THE LABORATORY WITH THE GOP.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECT THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL HAVE ON THE TIMELY ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LABORATORY.

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